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SUBJ: PROPOSAL FOR OAS PEACEKEEPING ROLE IN BELIZE

ATTRIBUTED TO U.S. OFFICIALS

1. INDEPENDENT IMPARCW AL JUNE 14 FRONT-PAGED UPI DISPATCH
DATELINED GRENADA AND BEGINNING, "US OFFICIALS BELIEVE THAT
THE DISPUTE BETWEEN BELIZE AND GUATEMALA HAS CREATED AN
EXPLOSIVE SITUATION IN THAT PART OF CENTRAL AMERICA. THE
OFFICIALS, WHO ARE IN GRAND ANSE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OASGA,
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SAID, HOWEVER, THAT US WILL NOT BRING THE SUBJECT UP FOR
FORMAL DISCUSSION.... THE US OFFICIALS SAID THAT, IF IT IS
NECESSARY, THE OAS COULD PLAY A ROLE AS SUPERVISOR OF THE
PEACE IN THE REGION, AS IT DID IN THE CASE OF EL SALVADOR
AND HONDURAS AFTER THE SO-CALLED 'FOOTBALL WAR' BETWEEN
THOSE TWO COUNTRIES. 'WE CONSIDER THAT THAT WOULD BE A
USEFUL ROLE FOR THE OAS,' THE OFFICIALS INDICATED."

2. IMPARCIAL'S EDITORIAL, HEADLINED, "A STRANGE DECLARATION BY UNIDENTIFIED OFFICIALS," SAYS THEY WERE OBVIOUSLY UNINFORMED AND WONDERS WHETHER THEY WERE AUTHORIZED TO SPEAK FOR USG. EDITORIAL NOTES THAT WHEN GUATEMALA SIGNED OAS CHARTER IN 1948 IT ATTACHED EXPRESSED RESERVATION THAT "NONE OF THE STIPULATIONS OF THE PRESENT CHARTER SHALL BE CONSIDERED AS AN IMPEDIMENT TO GUATEMALA'S ASSERTING ITS RIGHTS TO THE TERRITORY OF BELIZE BY THE MEANS THAT AT ANY MOMENT IT CONSIDERS CONVENIENT." THEREFORE, EDITORIAL REASONS, OAS HAS NO LEGAL RIGHT TO INTERVENE IN DISPUTE.

3. EDUARDO RODRIGUEZ, FONOFF'S DIRECTOR OF BELIZE AFFAIRS, CALLED EMBASSY MORNING JUNE 15 TO ASK IF WE HAD ANY INFORMATION ON SOURCE OR PURPOSE OF STATEMENTS IN UPI STORY. WE TOLD HIM WE DID NOT.

4. MORNING PAPERS JUNE 15 (NONE OF WHICH RECEIVE UPI) DID NOT CARRY STORY. TWO PAPERS CARRIED BRIEF FRANCE PRESSE AND REUTERS REPORTS ON PRESS CONFERENCE HELD IN LONDON JUNE 14 BY FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN AND PREMIER PRICE. STORIES QUOTED THEM AS SAYING ACCUSATIONS IN GUATEMALAN COMMUNIQUE OF JUNE 12 OF QTE INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL QUESTIONS OF THE COUNTRIES OF LATIN AMERICA ARE TOTALLY WITHOUT FOUNDATION UNQTE, AND AS EXPRESSING THE HOPE THAT GUATEMALA WILL ACCEPT THE "CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSALS" THAT UK AND BELIZE WILL PRESENT AT JULY 6 MEETING IN WASHINGTON.

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5. GOG ALSO MADE CLEAR ITS CONTINUED INTENTION OF ATTENDING THE WASHINGTON MEETING. ACTING FONMIN OBIOLS IS QUOTED IN JULY 15 PRESS AS CONFIRMING THAT THE NEGOTIATING SESSION WILL BE HELD AND DESCRIBING IT AS "DECISIVE" FOR FUTURE OF DISPUTE.

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